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Chronology of
Tullius de Florence Ratledge

1881 (Apr 5): TF is born in Hartsville, Tennessee; died in Rogers AK, July 26, 1967 (Dzaman et al., 1980); his parents are pioneer schoolteachers (Smallie, 1980?)
-attended Central State College in Edmunk OK

1907: TF graduates from the Carver/Denny Chiropractic College in Oklahoma City; one of Carver's first graduates

1907: TF first practiced in Guthrie OK, then the state capital of newly admitted State of Oklahoma; conducts free clinic for government officials, adjusts 120 state legislators; state House of Representatives passes chiropractic licensure legislation, but its defeated in the senate by delaying tactics of organized medicine; collaborates (mentored?) politically with Willard Carver, LL.B., D.C.

1908: opens school in Guthrie OK; on staff of first Oklahoma governor, C.N. Haskell, who appoints him a "colonel" on his staff; persuades governor Haskell to appoint Willard Carver, D.C. as Oklahoma representative to the International Tuberculosis Congress in Washington DC

1909: TF opens second school in Arkansas City, Kansas

1910: TF opens third school in Topeka, Kansas; Dr. Anna Foy serves as school head; Ratledge and Foy work for licensing act

1910: TF receives call from ill former patient (Hon. Harper J. Cunningham, former Territorial Representative to Congress from Oklahoma and then state senator) who was visiting daughter in Long Beach CA led to visit to CA, but TF was "too late" to help.

1911: TF opens fourth school in LA; TF: "Upon looking over the situation here in California, where at that time chiropractic was only available through the 'bootleg' channel and had received some very bad and recent publicity, all of which was medically inspired propaganda, I decided that where chiropractic was not, there I should be, so, I decided to open a school in California and establish chiropractic in California. That was in 1911, March. In September that year I opened the Los Angeles branch of the Ratledge System of Chiropractic Schools which I conducted continuously unttil Dr. Cleveland of Kansas City, Mo. bought me out in 1951." (1955 letter to RR Robbins)

1912-13: DD Palmer lectures at Ratledge/LA

1913: influences first licensure (in Kansas) for chiropractors, but governor refuses to appoint a chiropractic board

1913 (Jan 29): Articles of Incorporation are filed for the **Federated Chiropractors of California (FCC)**; incorporators are **Nelson C. Oakley** DC, Edward H Chamberlain, Sidney Lee Groves, Elizabeth V **Helfrich** DC (author of poems in **DD Palmer**'s 1910 *Adjuster*), and Harry St. Celae?, President (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives)
-according to TF, Arkansas was first to license chiropractors under a chiropractic board (Correspondence with Dr. Robbins)

1911: (Ratledge letter to RR Robbins, 1955; SFCR Archives):

> Believing in American principles and knowing that Chiropractic was NOT the practice of medicine and not based upon medical principles and/or superstitions, I knew that I was not violating any medical statutes when I was applying the principles of Chiropractic, so I, never having been accustomed to being considered an outlaw or engaged in illegal business, I set out to establish chiropractic as a seperate and legal science and practice in California. Opening my office and advertising the fact through newspapers and the distribution of hundreds of thousands of pamphlets telling the people about the great truths of this new science, soliciting patients etc., I was soon visited by representatives of official medicine in California and told to remove my signs and to cease the 'practice of medicine' or face arrest. I defied them and served several communities, personally, after the similar threats had driven other chiropractors to discontinue their practices. Such brazenry did not raise me in the eyes of the medical authorities but it did make them hesitate, and for two years they held off any attempt to stop me by legal procedures. In the meantime several precedents were secured by the medical arrests of chiropractors who would not stand hitched and see the thing throught. Then followed my arrest upon the fallacious charge of "practicing medicine without a license." (Ratledge letter to RR Robbins, 1955; SFCR Archives)

1913 (May 29): **TF Ratledge** makes an address "before Governor Johnson May 29, 1913, as follows (according to **CB Pinckham** MD's letter to **TF Ratledge** on 8/19/15; Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives):

...I don't believe and don't feel like these people (**Medical Board**) ought to be permitted to direct us, what we shall study and the way we shall study when we have principles of our own science which are absolutely and diametrically opposite those of medicine

1913: TF opposed proposition #46 "Drugless Practice Act" (Smallie, 1990)

1913: TF is head of the Federated Chiropractors of California and AW Richardson, DC, head of the CCA jointly press for bill #309 for licensure (Smallie, 1990) (Federated Chiropractors of California organized in 1918?)

1914: TF campaigns for governor favorable to chiropractic (Smallie, 1990)

1914 (Nov 6): TF is arrested for practicing medicine without a license (Smallie, 1990)

1915 (Aug 17): **TF Ratledge** writes to CB **Pinckham** MD, sec'y of the **BME**; letterhead indicates RSCS schools in "Topeka, Kansas, Oakland and Los Angeles"; **Ratledge** writes a "follow-up" letter requesting the requirements a school must meet to be approved by the Board, and notes that "one school of a drugless character" has been approved [Richardson's CCC] (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives)

1915 (Sept 8): letter to **TF Ratledge** from J Thornley DC, ST of 502-3 Bank of San Jose Bldg, **San Jose** and the Universal Hotel in Palo Alto indicates tuition is $75 at **CCC**, and that **CCC** claims to be "recognized" and that graduates "are eligible to take the medical examination and therefore get a license"; Thornley asks for **Ratledge**'s advice (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives)

1915 (Sept 9): **TF Ratledge** writes to someone with initials "WHJ" (first page of 3 missing) re: **Richardson's CCC**; TF notes of **BME** that (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives):

The **Richardson** school was only approved for 1000 hours, and for that only until Dec. 1st, 1915, and I have every reason to believe that it will not be continued over a longer period of time. Then, you can see that it is a scheme to get us under their thumb and then crush us out of existence. First they make a pretense to approve a Chiropractic school, although they say 'that it was far from deserving such approval' then they withdraw that approval after we have been all led up to the chopping block and politically decapitated...

-TF recommends the best protection against **BME** is to join the **UCA**, and that no entanglements with BME (such as **Richardson's CCC**'s collaboration)

-TF asks WHJ to say hello to Dr. **Bullis** [presumably of the **Oakland Chiropractic College**; see Autumn 1911 and 1915; see SRI, 1960, p. 215]

1915 (Oct 5): Wm R Molony MD, vice-president of CA **Board of Med Examiners** & Chairman of the College Investigating Committee writes to RA Ratledge, sec'y of **Ratledge Chiropractic College** re: "what the Board would expect of an approved Drugless School": anatomy 485 hours, histology 115 hours, elementary chemistry and toxicology 70 hours, physiology 200 hours, elementary bacteriology 40 hours, hygiene 45 hours, pathology 150 hours, diagnosis 370 hours, manipulative and mechanical therapy 260 hours, gynecology 100 hours, obstetrics 165 hours, many other details; letterhead indicates **BME** members include Dean L **Tasker** DO of LA and WW Vanderburgh DO of SF (Ratledge papers-SFCR)

1915 (Oct 6): TF **Ratledge** writes to BJ Palmer (Ratledge papers-SFCR Archives):

If you know the school from which Carver graduated, which no doubt you do as it was an Iowa institution, I would consider it a great favor for you to determine if possible if A.W. **Richardson** graduated from that school and if so, when.

He is claiming now that he has been a Chiropractor for **seven years** and he made the same statement in 1913, which if true then would make him a graduate nine years now.

He is in some kind of deal with the Medical Board now trying to get all Chiropractors to present themselves to the Board for examination and licenses, and is, no doubt, expecting to get one himself, but, if what I have been able to determine to date is true, he took up Chiropractic the first time here in 1912 under Gregory and is not entitled to go before the Board for examination under the 1000 hour-three year clause even, although I understand that he expects to get in under the six-year practice clause... Everyone of the Chiropractors who have had any of the 'Oswalt' tendencies have joined in an attempt to get a license from the Medical Board under the Drugless Practice provision of the Medical law and there are only a few of us to carry on the campaign....

-Richardson will continue to claim seven years experience as a DC in 1917 (CCC, 1917-18, p. 3), and in 1944 (Apr) he will claim 27 years experience (Ratledge papers-SFCR Archives)

1915 (Nov 8): **TF Ratledge** writes to **BJ**: "Two hundred Chiropractors graduates of **Richardson** school who have made application to the medical Board meet here Monday night, December 14, to consider withdrawing their applications. Entire **Richardson** bunch are in very bad. Your presence in Los Angeles not later than Monday morning will be of incalculable value to Chiropractic." (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives)

1915 (Mar 31): TF convicted; on Apr 2, 1915 sentenced to 90 days in county jail by Superior Court Judge Willis of Los Angeles (Smallie, 1990)

1915 (Dec 3): TF writes to BJ Palmer, asks BJ to urge CA chiropractors to support TF (Smallie, 1990)

1915 (Dec 4): writes to John A Cole, DC of Oakland to dissuade him from seeking Drugless Practice license (Smallie, 1990)

1915 (Dec 18): ***Fountain Head News*** (4[41]:6-7) reports (my Ratledge files): A TELEGRAPHIC CORRESPONDENCE" concerning **AW Richardson**'s falsely claiming to be graduate of the **PSC**; includes correspondence/telegrams from **BJ**, **CB Pinckham** MD, and **TF Ratledge**

1916 (Jan 3): Smallie (1990) notes tht TF writes to Willard Carver, DC:

...About 25 qualified to appear before the [medical] Board. I do not think more than a half dozen were Chiropractors, or near-Chiropractors, and only four of them were passed.

1916: TF writes to CA Governor Hiram W Johnson; calls "Drugless Practice" referendum a "fraud against the people", points out organized medicine's shenanigans, asks for pardon (Smallie, 1990)

-goes to jail rather than admit guilt in trial for unlicensed medical practice; (see date of letter from LA County Jail: Ratledge TF. Correspondence with B.J. Palmer, June 23, 1916. Archives of the Stockton Foundation for Chiropractic Research, Stockton CA)

1918: Federated Chiropractors of California (founded 1912) re-organized (Smallie, 1990, p. 12)

1920: Judge Landsden of the Supreme Court of Tennessee rules: "The Court thinks that Chiropractors cannot be classed along with charlatans and fakirs. This science is well developed and recognized in many jurisdictions and many believe in its efficacy.....The requirement that they study and be examined on subjects in no way pertaining to their occupation is an arbitrary and unreasonable attempt to restrict their liberties and the liberty of the people who wish to patronize them." (Smallie, 1990)

1922: ***California Backbone*** (1922 (Aug); 1(10):1) reports that in order to solicit campaign funds for the licensing initiative/referendum in CA "Dr. Ratledge offers to pay into the treasuries of representative chiropractic associations or campaign organizations....the percentages of receipts from students enrolled" (Smallie, 1990, p. 12)

1922: California referendum for chiropractic licensure; Ratledge lobbies governor, hands out pro-chiropractic handbills on street corners

1922 (Nov): referendum passes by a majority vote of 153,060, provides for a board of 5 DCs to examine and license (Smallie, 1990, p. 12)

1923 (Feb 10): Governor Friend W Richardson appoints first California Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Smallie, 1990, p. 12) and pardons all DCs in jail for violation of Medical Practice Act (Smallie, 1990, p 15); James Compton, DC first Secretary of the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners issued license #1 (Smallie, 1980, p. 14)

1923 (Jun 30): Superior Judge Walter P Johnson holds members not qualified to sit on Board of Chiropractic Examiners on the grounds that they had previously flaunted the Medical Practice Act (Smallie, 1990, pp. 13-4)

1923 (Nov 19): **TF Ratledge** responds to inquiry from MS Enge DC of Albuquerque NM re: credentials of ER Morse DC; Ratledge says Morse probably graduated from **LACC** under **Charles A. Cale**; notes that Cale trained under **Thomas Storey**, believes **Storey** was an MD, states that **DD Palmer** told him that **Storey** had taken only 3-4 days worth of chiro training; notes the Cales suspended operations after several years; indicates **Linnie A. Cale** is present head of **LACC** and" (Ratledge papers, SFCR):

Rumor has it that **Dr. Chas. Cale** got into some trouble as result of which he left the state, and the college in the hands of his wife, who outside of what little Chiropractic she got from association with her husband, is strictly an Osteopath. For many years most of their instructors were undergraduate Osteopathic students in a local college. Therefore, I do not consider that the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** is, or ever has been, in a position to teach Chiropractic. Consequently, the inferior character of Chiropractic practiced by its graduates.

Another college in Los Angeles of some years existence is called the **Eclectic College of Chiropractic**. It has as its head a man who was originally an Osteopath and another member of its faculty is an M.D. who is also a graduate of some eastern Chiropractic school, I think the **Mecca College** in New Jersey. The remainder of its faculty are its own graduates. You may draw your own conclusions.

Another school has been started here within the last year, under the name of the **Golden State Chiropractic College**. They are claiming for it, the Palmer system. However, they have among their faculty members some of the most **notorious mixers** in the State of California. Men whom I consider were traitors to Chiropractic because they accepted drugless practitioners' licenses under the medical board during the time we were fighting for Chiropractic's independance in California. At least such men deserted the cause in the time of its greatest need, and I can have no respect for deserters. Most of them, in my opinion, deserted because their sympathy was not with Chiropractic and they are

only using it as a "catch penny name" to induce patients to their offices....

The group of Palmermen who are in this Golden State College have not conducted themselves as Palmer men should, inasmuch as they have affiliated themselves with the mixers and mixer organizations in California, instead of joining the known straights.

1924 (Apr): ***The Drugless Herald*** reports: "75% of the applications before the Chiropractic Board failed to show the qualifications necessary for the examination." (Smallie, 1990, p. 14)

1931: Chittenden Turner's ***Rise of Chiropractic*** characterizes Ratledge as "one of the most prominent chiropractors of the West" (Who's Who, 1980, p. 280)

1934 (May 29): TF **Ratledge** DC writes (Ratledge papers, Stockton Foundation for Chiropractic Research):
Universal Chiropractic College,
121 Meyran Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Gentlemen: Attention: W.E. Hickman, Registrar.

Replying to your favor of the 24th instant, beg to reply that Dr. **Logan** was for several years a practising chiropractor in this state, having come here from the state of Kansas.

He is of a rather impetuous and aggressive nature and has made both enemies and friends in California. He did Aquarian Age teaching in association with Dr. **Hurley** for a while and then took up this work on his own responsibility, teaching as I understand it, what he himself developed. Dr. **Logan** is energetic and always active and seems to be the center usually of some turmoil in connection with his activities.

He did some very splendid work in California for which the chiropractors in this state should be grateful. If he has done anything to injure chiropractic, it appears that it could only be due to inadvertance.

His California license was revoked by a former board which in my opinion was purely an act of reprisal against him because they could not suppress him, which they wrongfully attempted to do. The fact of his losing his license in California should cast no reflection upon him.

I know so little of his work that I am not in position to comment on its scientific merits.

Concerning the use of the information given herein, will say that I have no desire to be drawn into any unpleasant controversy or in any way to offend Dr. **Logan**, for whom I hold no personal brief, one way or the other, except as based upon my observation of his activities in the state of California.

1935: Paul Smallie, D.C. graduates from RSCS

1936: Henry G. Higley, M.S., D.C. graduates from RSCS, soon after hired as instructor

1939: Benjamin H. Williams, D.C. graduates from RCC

1944 (July 10): letter from CS Cleveland to T.F. Ratledge, D.C. (Ratledge papers, SFCR):
Dear Dr. Ratledge:

In introducing Chiropractic Corp Bill H.R. 4533, Murphy and Nugent and the N.C.A. Board unless they are just stooges" have shown their Intent and Purpose. They asked tht more than 99% of the Chiropractors of America be disqualified to serve as Chiropractors in the Armed Forces. They have overstepped. They have shown their real hand. A Program to Put the Schools out of business raised little objections. NOW they HAVE ASKED CONGRESS to disfranchise 99% of all Chiropractors. Fishbein would not have dared asked for as much, but Murphy and Nugent did. Let's Pull back the Curtain and tell the Chiropractors constantly that Murphy and Nugent asked Congress to disqualify them. Murphy and Nugent are in the Hot Seat NOW.

In our opinion the folloiwng sheet puts them over the Fire. They have disqualified themselves for any right to lead. See that every Chiropractor in California and the West Coast gets this Sheet and Do It Now! There is nothing to lose and Everything to Gain. Reprint it there, cutting off bottom lines or we can print it here as it is already set up, if you wish. California Federated Chiropractic Ass'n or Ratledge College could send it out. You possibly need to contact the Chiropractors with some mailing piece. This would show that you were open, alert and active in the interest of Chiropractic and still available to receive their students.

Sincerely, *C.S. Cleveland*

P.S. With Murphy and Nugent and the N.C.A. leadership obviously betraying the profession, surely this would be the time to discredit such leadership in California and obtain members in your group. Use this if you wish. Alter if you see fit. Add to or anything but do it. Am investigating vocational training as suggested.

1945 (Dec 23): TF writes to Earl Warren, Governor of California, to suggest chiroschool at UCLA (Ratledge papers, SFCR)

1947 (Aug 1): Paul Smallie DC writes to TF to discuss recent efforts of **John J. Nugent** to purchase **SFCC** and **California Chiropractic College** (Ratledge papers, SFCR)

1950 (Sept 27): letter to CS Cleveland from T.F. Ratledge, D.C. (Ratledge papers, SFCR):
Dr. Carl S. Cleveland
3724 Troost Avenue
Kansas City 3, Missouri
Dear Doctor:

We are in receipt of your letter under date of September 22, and are only too sorry that we have not had an opportunity to answer you sooner.

As stated in our long conversation on September 16 when Mr. Einor was present, it is our desire to not only save income taxes on any transaction with you, but also to attempt to defer payment of taxes as long as possible without placing any tax burden on yourself. Subsequent to your departure we have had an opportunity to go over this entire matter again with Mr. Einor, who stated that it would not be necessary for him to write to you regarding the method of handling the purchase of the school and buildings since he now has devised a method which he assures me is very simple and would not involve either party thereto in what might at a later date be construed by the government as not being an arm's length transaction. From the notes he left here with us I can quote that "the purchase by you of the land and buildings contains positively no tax problem whatsoever; however, the sale of the college can create unnecessary taxes if improperly handled." You as purchaser are chiefly interested in the over-all purchase price of the capital stock, land and buildings, and the method of payment therefor, rather than in the segregation of their respective costs to you.

We have been further assured by Mr. Einer that since no Earned Surplus of the corporation is available for distribution, we are permitted to, and will use, our entire Paid In Surplus to buy from the corporation all of its assets at book value, including amounts owing by students. Upon acquisition by us of these assets we will personally sell to you for cash certain equipment, to be selected by you, at 50% of the present list price.

Further, we will liquidate all obligations of the corporation, including prepaid tuition, leaving you personally as the purchaser of its capital stock, a corporation with no assets and no liabilities, but with a carry-forward loss estimated at between $3,000.00 and $4,000.00, which loss ultimately will mean a tax saving to you of between $750.00 and $1,000.00, based upon present corporation tax rates. Mr. Einer further stated that since he will take care of all tax matters for us when the time arrives, we should not burden you with these tax matters and we should therefore be able to proceed forthwith, leaving the possible payment on option and the segregation of costs to you until such time as a deal is definitely consummated.

We are sorry to state that in compiling a list of our entire indebtedness to date, the same will run larger than we had originally estimated, such indebtedness now being approximately $27,000.00, which when deducted from the selling price of the land and buildings, capital stock, sale of approximately $2,000.00 worth of equipment, leaves approximately $15,000.00 in the form of a note to be liquidated by you on the basis of $200.00 per month until paid. In view of the large indebtedness listed above, it will be necessary for us to ask you to assume all contracts entered into with respect to improvements and equipment contracts, which amount to approximately $3,500.00, upon which there are monthly payments due of $213.38. The greatest portion of the said $3,500.00 is in the form of an F.H.A. improvement loan in the amount of 42,044.08, payable $63.88 per month.

It will further be necessary for us to add interest of 5% to the remaining unpaid purchase price of the approximate amount of $15,000.00 by reason of the fact that should something arise wherein we wish to discount the note given us or to borrow money thereon, a note without interest would be extremely difficult to either sell or borrow on. You are well aware of our situation here, and such a contingency could arise in the very near future.

Should you desire to proceed with the purchase of the aforementioned assets, we make you the following firm offer:

We hereby offer to sell to you the entire capital stock of the Ratledge System of Chiropractic Schools, together with land and college building now occupied by said school, for a total consideration of $40,000.00 (Forty Thousand and No/100ths Dollars), you to assume an approximate $7,000.00 (Seven Thousand and No/100ths Dollars) first mortgage thereon, and contracts on improvement loans together with equipment contracts in the approximately amount of $3,500.00 (Three Thousand Five Hundred and No/100ths Dollars), which amount of liabilities are to be deducted from the said selling price of $40,000.00

We agree to purchase all assets of the corporation, and shall liquidate all liabilities of the corporation.

Further terms of this sale shall be as follows:

$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) cash upon acceptance of this offer within five (5) days;

$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) cash on October 10, 1950;

$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) cash on February 1, 1951;

Note for approximately $15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) representing the balance, to be paid at the rate of $200.00 per month including interest at 5%, payments thereon to start March 1, 1951.

We hereby further offer to sell to you such chiropractic and/or college equipment as you may select for a cost to you of 50% of present list price, which amount is to be paid by you on October 10, 1950.

May we suggest that if the above is acceptable to you, either sign both copies of this letter and return one to us with your check for $1,000.00, or if you prefer we will open an escrow here in Los Angeles and the $1,000.00 may be sent to such escrow company with your instructions.

Yours very truly,....

1951: Carl Cleveland Sr. initiates purchase of RSCS/LA, but blocked by Mrs. Ratledge's death; her share of RSCS/LA goes into probate; Ratlege school comes "under Cleveland management" 1951-1955

1951 (Aug 6): T.F. Ratledge, D.C. writes to B.J. Palmer (Ratledge papers, SFCR):

Dear Doctor Palmer:

Having been away since May 22, I did not get your letter of June 4th until Jack sent it on to me and I intended to have answered it sooner but waited for more convenient time when I could write more fully.

Also, your letter of July 17 received an will now attempt to explain some matters that I believe might be helpful to the profession in the future.

Conditons over which I failed to get control in the last three years required most of my time in a most trying ordeal in Blanche's health and as a result I had no time for business or professional matters. In addition to all that, and resulting from my previous unyielding opposition to the NCA in what I considered the pro-medical and anti-chiropractic policies of the NCA and its subsidiary or "affiliated" state groups, prominent among which was the CCA in California, whose influence was reflected through the California State Board, the Ratledge Chiropractic College lost its contract with the Veterans Administration for veteran training. Since April 15, 1945 we have struggled along without "GIs," suffering a monthly loss, with existing facilities of $2500.00 per month. Had we been secure in proceeding as we had been from 1922 to that time we could have profitably expanded our facilities to have handled several times the number of students, but knowing the definite opposition from the NCA and the CCA, as evidenced by their securing the amendments to the California Chiropractic Act, we did not attempt to expand, hoping that we might be able to "weather the storm" and be able to continue our forty year policy of teaching chiropractic as a seperate and distinct science, all inclusive in the field of health, nontherapeutic, nonhealing, noncuring and nontreating, either of diseases or humans.

Because of the great losses sustained in the foregoing and the fact that there were not enough non-GI prospective students it got to the point where we needed financial help to sustain us for a period long enough for us to get the GI training re-established and for which we were well on our way, in as much as we had finally gotten the California State Board approval under the amended chiropractic law.

We were unable to get the needed financial assistance and were forced to sell at a ridiculously low figure. The necessity for surrendering the device through which I was able to serve chiropractic through its early development when it was necessary to "deliver the goods" rather than wallow in the filth of present day politics and try to "steal" from other professions, as advocated in the NCA policies, rather than to stand on our own professional and scientific merit, was very discouraging. I feel certain that if Ratledge College remains true to the principles of chiropractic, which I believe it will under the guidance of Dr. Carl Cleveland Sr.,

the time is not far distant when it will be the leading chiropractic educational institution west of the "Rockies."

Of course, in view of the current situation, I no longer am the spokesman for Ratledge College and not entitled to represent it. Therefore, with great regret, I must decline the invitation to join you at breakfast with "The President's Cabinet" on August 25. However, may I suggest that the ICA provide some way for protection of loyal chiropractic colleges as well as practicing chiropractors.

Wishing to be remembered to any whom I may know at your breakfast party and with insupressable good will to you and yours, I am, Sincerely,...

1955: TF maintains residence in LA at least until 1955 (letter to Dr. Robbins from "3505 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 19, California" dated 1/15/55)

1955: CS Cleveland Sr closes purchase of RSCS, renames Cleveland Chiropractic College
-TF returns to Arkansas (?1956?)

1963: on 84th birthday TF is licensed by special exemption authorized by governor of Arkansas

1967: George Haynes, M.S., D.C. writes TF Ratledge's obituary in **Chirogram** (LACC) Sept/Oct issue, p. 217; credits him as "one of the main contributors to the writing of the chiropractic law in California, and was highly instrumental in having it adopted by the people of our state."

1970 (Sept): **Chirogram** [37(9)] includes:
-notes death of Jack **Ratledge** DC of Van Nuys CA

1979: Paul Smallie, D.C. writes: "T.F. Ratledge was an educator for over 50 years, and at 89, still actively looked after his regular patients, under protection of the special license granted him by the State of Arkansas so that he could continue...in the life he entered into as an early pioneer, 60 years before. The keynote of his life was 'Honesty in all things; the truth cannot be compromised."

RATLEDGE ALUMNI:

George Haynes, D.C., 1936 graduate of Ratledge/LA, died 1969

Henry G. Higley, M.S., D.C., 1936 gradute of Ratledge/LA, died 1967

C. Lee Hightower, D.C.; 2519 Parkside Drive, Union City CA 94587 (415-471-3415); son: Dr. Hightower, 799 Fletcher Lane, Hayward (415-889-1432)

George Parchen, Jr., D.C. (past president of the California Chiropractic Association); 10800 Woodside #186, Santee CA 92071 (619) 562-5809

Ted L. Shrader, D.C., 17017 Via Media, San Lorenzo CA 94580 (W:415-278-1280; H: 415-278-1355); long-time secretary of the ACA Council on Technic; 1938-40: DC; Ratledge College (2400 hour program); Ratledge College educational standards were a disappointment to Dr. S

Paul Smallie, D.C., ('35); 2027 Grand Canal Blvd, Stockton CA 95207 (W:209-957-9601; H:209-477-0417)

Ray Quibell, D.C. ('45); 2371 Eureka Way, Redding CA 96001 (916-243-3413); served on state board of examiners (1967-78), wife Pat Quibell DC now on state board; in practice with son Terry Quibell, DC (LACC grad); BRIEF PHONE CHAT (6/27/90): Dr. Ray is proud of his straight orientation...noted that too many young DCs refer patients to MDs, Dr. Ratledge trained them to be unafraid to treat serious illnesses; Dr. Ray is now age 73, says he looks as though he were 55, proud of never having received medical care, a chiro patient since age 9; willing to be interviewed and will check for old books, journals and artifacts, etc.

Benjamin H. Williams, D.C., ('39); 1900 Sillman Ave, Bakersfield CA 93304 (805-831-5786); license #4832 in 1940, retired from practice (in Oildale CA) in 1988; oral interview with R. Brown DPM: recalls second-story one-room school which doubled as clinic. Few textbooks, most instruction taught from teacher's notes, including "basic sciences" taught by recent graduates George Haynes, DC and Henry Higley, DC; no laboratory equipment; once had demonstration of sphygmomanometer. TF taught philosophy and technique. Students kept half of the 50 cent charge for treatment of clinic patients.

CHIROPRACTIC FORUM:

-"a study and research group related to chiropractic philosophy" (1947-1956)
-principles of chiropractic should be standard throughout the profession, but didn't seem to be
-discussions of philosophical issues gradually led to clinical issues
-TF Ratledge would lecture; other invited speakers (e.g., USC professor re: nutritional supplements, biochemistry)

-usually 15-35 attendees at **Forum** breakfast meetings of mostly Ratledge graduates, but all DCs were welcome; no serious conflicts among participants, a genuinely open forum
-**Forum** led Dr. Ratledge to begin to award the Ph.C.; Dr. Shrader didn't get a Ph.C. (mildly miffed that PhC

required as inducement to DCs to attend), but many other DCs did get one
-Viola Irwin DC took over from Dr. and Mrs. Shrader's role as secretary. Dr. Irwin was given custody of wire recordings of **Forum** meetings
-many of Dr. Ratledge's lectures at the **Forum** were transcribed and distributed to members at a nominal fee; Dr. Shrader says there's a **collected volume** of TF's **Forum** lectures? See Dr. Smallie
-several **Forum** surveys and discussions in ***CCA Journal***
-Drs. Shrader and Smallie labored long and hard to develop statement of chiropractic principles around which the profession could unite

VISIT TO CCC/LA, 8/12-8/14/90
-C2 says TF had no x-ray equipment at time of purchase, i.e., 1951-55 (Dr. Shrader insists he learned and used x-ray at Ratledge in late 1930s)
-C2 says TF opened up clinic next to CCC/LA, posted sign that said "Main Office", greatly irritated C1

One of the most influential educational institutions in the profession's history was the Ratledge Chiropractic College, which operated in Los Angeles from 1911 (when T.F. Ratledge, D.C. moved it from Oklahoma) until about 1954, when the school was sold to the Cleveland family and became the Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles. T.F. Ratledge took his chiropractic training under Willard Carver (the Carver/Denny school), and worked closely with Hugh and Vinton Logan. Among the distinguished faculty who taught at Ratledge College was D.D. Palmer.

Although Paul Smallie, D.C., a 1935 graduate of Ratledge College, has written extensively about his mentor's (Dr. Ratledge's) philosophy, relatively little has been recorded concerning his college. This is unfortunate, since Ratledge College graduates have played a major role in the development and legitimation of the profession in California. Among their contributions were the recruitment of the grass roots support which led to the licensing referendum for chiropractic in 1922, and the operation of the Chiropractic Forum (1947-1956), which some see as the forerunner of the ACA Technic Council's inter-collegiate program and the recently held Consensus Conference on the Validation of Chiropractic Technique. Influential graduates of the Ratledge College have included Paul Smallie, D.C. (editor of **World-Wide Report** and former editor of the **CCA Journal**), Ted L. Shrader, D.C. (long-time secretary of the ACA Council on Technic), and George Parchen, D.C. (past president of the California Chiropractic Association).